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FIRST LEAD CRASH (180)

RYGGINS, IDAHO, SEPT. 24 (AP)-FIVE MEN, ONE OF THEM A BROTHER-IN-LAW OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, D-NY, WERE KILLED IN THE CRASH OF AN AIRPLANE AS THEY FLEW ON AN ELK HUNTING TRIP INTO IDAHO'S PRIMITIVE AREA.

THE DEAD INCLUDED GEORGE SKAKEL JR., OF GREENWICH, CONN., A NEW YORK BUSINESS EXECUTIVE AND BROTHER OF MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY.

ALSO KILLED WERE DEAN F. MARKHAM OF MCLEAN, VA., A CLOSE FRIEND OF SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY; LOUIS VERNER II, (CQ) INVESTOR AND SOCIALLY PROMINENT RESIDENT OF ST. LOUIS, MO.; EARL RANFT, PRESIDENT OF THE GRAYBAR DREDGING CORP. OF JERSEY CITY, N.J., AND THE PILOT, DONALD ADAMS OF MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE IN IDAHO.

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THE CRASH OCCURRED YESTERDAY. THE BODIES WERE REMOVED TODAY.

IDAHO AERONAUTICS DIRECTOR CHET MOULTON SAID THE FIVE WERE KILLED WHEN THEIR PLANE, LOADED WITH HUNTING GEAR, OVERSHOT AN AIR STRIP, THEN ATTEMPTED A CLIMBING TURN IN A STEEP CANYON.

THE CRASH WAS IN THE SAME PRIMITIVE AREA, BUT ABOUT 50 MILES TO THE WEST OF THE MIDDLE FORK OF THE SALMON RIVER, WHERE THE ROBERT F. KENNEDYS VACATIONED THIS SUMMER.

THE PLANE CRASHED X X X ETC. 5TH GRAF A11SK.

IN THIRD GRAF ABOVE MAKE READ X X X MARKHAM OF MCLEAN, VA., A CLOSE
X X X CORRECTING MCLEAN

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